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SUBJECT: BEGIN VISIT

1. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING

FOREIGN OFFICIALS ABOUT BEGIN'S VISIT:

--PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED TO BEGIN THE U.S. VIEWS, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED THEM, ON THE THREE KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT: THE NATURE OF PEACE; WITHDRAWAL, FINAL BORDERS AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS; AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE AND OUR DETERMINATION TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN OUR GOOD OFFICES ROLE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOAL REMAINS A COMPREHENSIVE, FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT. BEGIN STATED HIS VIEW THAT THE PARTIES SHOULD PUT FORWARD THEIR POSITIONS AT GENEVA AND THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION, BUT INDICATED NO CHANGE IN ISRAELI POSITION ON KEY ISSUES.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND BEGIN AGREED THAT WHILE DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN OUR VIEWS ON CERTAIN OF THE KEY ISSUES, THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GET A NEGOTIATING PROCESS STARTED IN WHICH THE PARTIES THEMSELVES COULD SEEK TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. IN THE CONTEXT OF SUCH A PROCESS, THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO HELP THE PARTIES REACH AGREE-

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-- IF SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE CONVENED BECAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION PROBLEM, BEGIN SAID, ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF NEGOTIATING-- E.G., ESTABLISHING THE THREE MIXED COMMISSIONS IN WHICH A THIRD PARTY WOULD MOVE BACK AND FORTH AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES THEMSELVES WHO HAD GATHERED IN ONE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE.

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